GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVATION
LOK SABHA

STARRED QUESTION NO:625
ANSWERED ON:06.05.2003
URBAN REFORMS INCENTIVE FUND
C. SREENIVAASAN

Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether a committee was set up by the Union Governmentto work out the modalities for the Urban Reforms Incentive Funds (URIF);

(b) if so, the details of recommendations made by this committee; and

(c) the details of recommendations accepted by the Union Government?

Answer

MINISTER OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT & POVERTY ALLEVIATION (SHRI ANANTH KUMAR)

(a)to(c): A Statement is laid on the Table of the Sabha.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO. 625 FOR 6.5.2003 REGARDING U REFORMS INCENTIVE FUND.

(a): Yes, Sir.

(b)&(c): The committee, in its meeting in May, 2002 discussed the modalities of operation of the Urban Reforms Incentive Fund and framed a Memorandum of Agreement, which was circulated to the State Governments in July, 2002 asking their willingness to enter into the said Memorandum of Agreement. This Memorandum spells out the milestones in each reform area, which have to be achieved by a State to qualify for the corresponding incentive. Based on the responses from the States, a revised Memorandum of Agreement has been worked out. It is proposed to give weightages to each reform area and to allow signing of a Memorandum of Agreement with the State Govenments without insisting on full coverage of all the seven reform areas identified in the first phase. The Memorandum of Agreement is under finalisation.